

## House Resolution 612

By: Representatives Rogers of the 26<sup>th</sup>, Collins of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Mills of the 25<sup>th</sup>, and Benton of the 31<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Eugene Green on the occasion of his retirement as  
2 pastor of St. John Baptist Church; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a man of unimpeachable character, an extraordinary leader, and a distinguished  
4 servant of God, Reverend Eugene Green has touched countless lives during his 14 years of  
5 tireless service at St. John Baptist Church; and

6 WHEREAS, during his time at St. John Baptist Church in Gainesville, Reverend Green has  
7 been instrumental in a number of dramatic transformations, including moving the  
8 congregation from a small, cramped building on E.E. Butler Parkway to a much larger and  
9 more modern facility; and

10 WHEREAS, the Green family has served as an unshakable pillar of the Gainesville African  
11 American community, and the new sanctuary has been designed with West African colors,  
12 symbols, and architecture; and

13 WHEREAS, Reverend Green's final sermon at St. John Baptist Church marks an occasion  
14 for celebration, since he continues down his life path confidently as he says, "Wherever the  
15 Lord leads me, that is where I will follow."

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
17 the members of this body recognize the service of this dedicated spiritual leader, commend  
18 Reverend Eugene Green for 14 years of service at St. John Baptist Church, and extend to him  
19 their sincerest best wishes for his future.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
21 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Eugene Green.